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Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Announces AmeriCorps Grants for Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana – The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives announced today that eighteen organizations in Indiana will receive over \$3.4 million in AmeriCorps grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). In addition, more than \$515,000 in national grants will be awarded to multi-state programs headquartered in Indiana, creating nearly 200 in additional AmeriCorps positions. For nearly two decades, CNCS has invested in community solutions across the nation -- working hand in hand with local partners to tackle our most pressing challenges. AmeriCorps programs in Indiana are administered on behalf of the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism by the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI).

The grants will support a total of 479 full and part time AmeriCorps*State members who will meet such needs across the state as poverty reduction, increased health awareness, and improved education. For their service, members will become eligible for a variety of benefits, including an educational award that can be used towards tuition or to pay off student loan debt. In total, \$1,430,376 in educational awards will be distributed to Indiana's AmeriCorps members this year. Since the program's inception, more than 12,000 Indiana residents have given 16 million hours of service and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$36 million.

"I congratulate Indiana's programs and thank all those who have answered the call to service by joining AmeriCorps," said Jeff Cardwell, the Executive Director of the Indiana OFBCI. "In this time of economic hardship, service and volunteering are more important than ever. These AmeriCorps members and the volunteers they mobilize will provide a vital boost to faith-based and community organizations that are meeting the needs of our state's most vulnerable citizens."

The organizations receiving funding were selected in a highly competitive process by the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV). The ICCSV plays a key role in promoting service and volunteerism throughout the state of Indiana; most notably through AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is recruiting now. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting www.AmeriCorps.gov. If you are interested in applying for an AmeriCorps grant, OFBCI will be hosting AmeriCorps Informational Session webinars on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013 from 10:00-11:00am, and Thursday, July 25th, 2013 from 2:00-3:00pm. Participants in the webinar will receive a general overview of AmeriCorps, the grant application process and how to apply. Further details will be announced.

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About the Indiana Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI)

Indiana enjoys a rich tradition of Hoosiers working together to help themselves and their communities. In that spirit, the mission of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI) is to connect organizations and communities to grants, services, and each other; promote volunteerism and service to improve the lives of Hoosiers; encourage public and private resources to seed and sustain innovative and high quality community and faith-based initiatives; and highlight the good works of individuals and their communities with best practices and innovative models.

OFBCI strives to be a statewide public champion for service, a strong local, regional and national partner, an efficient grant maker, and a broker of new and increased federal and state resources allocated towards service and volunteerism. OFBCI's goals are to: 1) increase the visibility of service and volunteerism statewide, 2) increase statewide partnerships around service and volunteerism, 3) effectively administer grant programs and national best practice service programs, and 4) align staff and financial resources towards strategic priorities and desired outcomes. For more information, visit www.in.gov/ofbci.



About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in intensive service to address education, poverty, health, disaster relief, and other critical issues. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 3.4 million community volunteers, and educated, mentored or served more than 3.5 million disadvantaged youth nationally. Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 800,000 men and women have provided more than 1.8 billion hours of service to their communities and country through AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service each year and administers President Obama's national service initiative United We Serve. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting AmeriCorps.gov.

Program Name	Geographic Area	Status for 2013-14	Slots	MSYs	Funding	Ed awards	Members
Boys & Girls Club of Indy	Marion and Morgan	Continuation Year 8	8FT 8HT 8RHT 4QT 20MT	20.34	\$ 265,069	\$112,884.00	48
Community Action of Northeast Indiana	NE Indiana	Continuation Year 2	10 FT	10	\$ 130,000	\$55,500.00	10
Episcopal Diocese of Indianapolis	Marion Co.	Continuation Year 2	10 FT	10	\$ 130,000	\$55,500.00	10
Indiana Commission on Higher Education	State-wide	Continuation Year 2	15 FT	15	\$ 185,700	\$83,250.00	15
Indiana State University	Vigo, Sullivan, Clay, Vermillion, Green	Re-Compete Year 10	11RHT 30QT 10MT	14.24	\$ 175,861	\$79,044.00	51
Indiana University	Marion, Monroe, & Vanderburgh	Continuation Year 8	4FT 12HT 5MT	11.06	\$ 143,489	\$61,375.00	21
Indiana University-Purdue University Ft. Wayne	NE Indiana	New--Planning	0	0	\$ 25,000	\$0.00	0
River Valley Resources	Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Ripley, & Ohio	New--Planning	0	0	\$ 25,000	\$0.00	0
Scott County Partnership	Scott, Monroe, Delaware, Marion, & St. Joe	New--Active	7FT 7HT 8RHT 9MT	15.45	\$ 201,174	\$85,762.00	31
United Way of Bartholomew	Bartholomew County	Continuation Year 6	20 HT	9	\$ 132,496	\$55,500.00	20
United Way of Central Indiana	Marion Co.	New--Active	20 FT	20	\$ 260,000	\$111,000.00	20
United Way of Porter County	NW Indiana	Re-Compete Year 7	10FT 34HT 12MT	29.54	\$ 374,040	\$163,950.00	56
University of Indianapolis	Indianapolis	New--Planning	0	0	\$ 25,000	\$0.00	0
University of Notre Dame	South Bend	Continuation Year 3	7FT 7HT 6QT 6MT	13.36	\$ 147,705	\$74,133.00	26
Westminster Ministries	Indianapolis	New--Planning	0	0	\$ 25,000	\$0.00	0
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Boys & Girls Club Wayne Co.	State-wide	Continuation Year 6	50HT 19RHT 34QT 26MT	46.74	\$ 559,284	\$259,378.00	129
Habitat for Humanity of Indiana	State-Wide	Continuation Year 9	12 FT	12	\$ 154,420	\$66,600.00	12
Public Allies	Marion Co.	Continuation Year 5	30 FT	30	\$ 390,000	\$166,500.00	30
TOTALS					\$ 3,349,238	\$1,430,376.00	479

